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INTRODUCTION

The unresolved character of the Western Sahara conflict, along with the intensive efforts of the United Nations to end the dispute, has ensured that a very large body of literature (in many languages but primarily in English, Spanish, and French) continues to evolve on a variety of topics related to the territory and its people. However, this literature is often not available to persons without access to large university or other libraries. Moreover, the passage of time since the first edition of this dictionary (1982) and the second edition (1994) has dictated that many sources (mostly materials in French and Spanish from the first half of the 20th century, often on technical subjects) be deleted from this edition in order to make room for, and give appropriate emphasis to, the great quantity of material appearing on Western Sahara in the last two decades. Most press coverage, which is still fairly uncommon at least in the United States, has been omitted from this bibliography, although readers seeking additional source material on the former colony up to the early 1980s (including many press stories) are still directed to Lynn F. Sipe's *Western Sahara: A Comprehensive Bibliography*, published in 1984. In addition, my own *World Bibliographical Series: Western Sahara* (Clio Press, 1996) contains over 600 annotated entries. Persons with an ongoing interest in the appearance of new monographs or articles on Western Sahara, finally, are urged to consult either the *Current Bibliography on African Affairs*, the *International African Bibliography*, or, to a lesser extent, the *Index Islamicus*.

So far as wide-ranging analytical books in English on the origins, development, and evolution of the Western Sahara conflict are concerned, Tony Hodges's *Western Sahara: The Roots of a Desert War* (1983) remains the definitive work on the subject, although John Damis's *Conflict in Northwest Africa: The Western Sahara Dispute* (1983) is of great value, as is Virginia Thompson and Richard Adloff's *The Western Saharans: Background to Conflict* (1980), and the collections of essays edited by Richard Lawless and Laila Monahan (*War and Refugees: The Western Sahara Conflict*, 1987) and by Yahia H. Zoubir and Daniel Volman (*International Dimensions of the Western Sahara Conflict*, 1993). I. William Zartman's chapter on Western Sahara in his 1989 book *Ripe for Resolution: Conflict and Intervention in Africa* provides a well-written and interesting discussion of the conflict in a broader